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Senator Tom Casperson,
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Dear Senator Casperson:

I am writing with concern for some language which is part of Section 20101, as amendment to 1994 PA 451. Specifically, **I question the exclusion of "stamp sands" under Section (y) Hazardous substances** in the proposed amendment introduced on March 13, 2014. As a longtime resident of Michigan, and as a former professor at Wayne State and Michigan Tech, and now as Village President of Lake Linden in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan I am keenly aware of the importance of remediation for improving the quality of life for Michigan residents and for visitors to our state. Lake Linden is the site of a major remediation and SuperFund effort on Torch Lake. Much of that remediation consists in removing or capping contaminated "stamp sands" left over from the copper mining days beginning in the 1870s and continuing through the 1960s. Since there are hazardous material assessment criteria already established which have been shown to include certain "stamp sands" including those on Torch Lake, I believe the exclusion of "stamp sands" without recognition of their toxicity criteria is flawed. I would **ask that Section (y) be modified to include "stamp sands" when justified by Direct Contact Criteria levels, ATSDR Comparison values or MI Part 201 Groundwater Surface Water Interface cleanup criteria values as previously enacted.**

Please contact me if I can be of additional help to your activities on behalf of Michigan.

Sincerely

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